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John Roach is a partner in the Lexington, Kentucky law firm of Ransdell Roach & Royse PLLC. After obtaining his undergraduate degree at Washington & Lee University, Mr. Roach graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was the recipient of The Faculty Cup for most outstanding student. Mr. Roach served as General Counsel to former Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher and as General Counsel for the Transition of current Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin. He also served as a Justice on the Kentucky Supreme Court, where he authored over fifty opinions for the Commonwealth's highest court. In private practice, Mr. Roach focuses primarily on commercial litigation, appellate advocacy, labor and employment law and litigation, equine law, and corporate transactions for businesses and entrepreneurs.

Mr. Roach is an avid horseracing fan with a genuine passion for the sport and the Commonwealth's role as the epicenter of the thoroughbred world. He has represented a number of domestic and foreign clients in all aspects of thoroughbred breeding and racing. Among the many equine transactions and litigation matters in which Mr. Roach has participated, he is proud to have served as lead counsel in the stallion syndication of PIONEER OF THE NILE, sire of Triple Crown Winner and Breeders' Cup Champion AMERICAN PHAROAH.